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Chapter 23: PURGED AND PRESSURIZED ENCLOSURES FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

SUMMARY: This rule has two major sections. The first section covers purged enclosures for electrical equipment in Class I hazardous locations. This section includes the general provisions, as well as more specific information and regulations regarding purged instruments, small purged control rooms, and purged power equipment enclosures. The second section covers pressurized enclosures for electrical equipment in Class II hazardous locations. It contains more specific information and regulation regarding pressurized, small enclosures, pressurized control rooms, and pressurized power equipment enclosures.

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